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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

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BILL NUMBER: SB 371

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 3, 2006

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Lobbyist Activity Reports.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Lutz L

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FIRST SPONSOR:

**FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL**

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: *Lobbyist Activity Reports:* The bill requires lobbyist activity reports to include: (1) expenditures for advertising, mass mailings, publications, or other efforts to inform the general public or urge the general public to take any action for the purpose of influencing any legislative action; and (2) the name and permanent address of each person that contributed or provided at least \$500 for those efforts.

Expansion of Registration Statement Filings: The bill requires a person whose lobbying services are performed without compensation, but who expends at least \$500 in reportable expenditures for lobbying, to file a registration statement. The bill defines "lobbying" to include communicating by any means to inform the general public or to urge the general public to take any action with the purpose of influencing any legislative action.

Effective Date: July 1, 2006.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Lobbyist Activity Reports:* The bill would require the Lobby Registration Commission to revise their lobbyist activity reports. Revision of these reports would likely be accomplished with minimal expenditure. Costs for revised forms would likely be minimal, as these reports are currently available electronically on the Commission's website for individual printing.

Expansion of Registration Statement Filings: The Commission would have additional registration filings to process, but this could be covered within existing resources.

Background on the Lobby Registration Commission: The Indiana Lobby Registration Commission was

appropriated \$218,285 in FY 2006 and \$218,395 in FY 2007 by the General Assembly. The Commission reverted \$15,104 in FY 2005.

Explanation of State Revenues: *Expansion of Registration Statement Filings:* If additional filings occurred, lobby registration fee revenue would increase. The current annual fee for filing is \$100 (\$50 if associated with a nonprofit organization.) Fees are deposited into the state General Fund.

Background: In FY 2005, the Commission collected \$152,487 in fee revenue from registrants.

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Lobby Registration Commission.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: State Budget Agency: *FY2005 General and Rainy Day Fund Summaries*; State of Indiana: *List of Appropriations July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2007*; *Indiana Handbook of Taxes, Revenues, and Appropriations*; <http://www.in.gov/ilrc/forms/index.html>.

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